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SUBJECT: NARCOTICS-VISIT OF UN TEAM TO TURKEY

1. SUMMARY: UN TEAM HEADED BY UNFDC'S ACTING EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR MARTENS VISITED TURKEY JULY 2-8. TEAM HELD EXTENSIVE DISCUSSIONS ANKARA AND TOURED EXTENSIVELY IN THREE OF POPPY-GROWING PROVINCES. TEAM FOUND NO (REPEAT NO) EVIDENCE OF LANCING. SAW EXAMPLES OF PLANTINGS DESTROYED AS BEING IN EXCESS OF AUTHORIZED ACREAGE. TALKED WITH MANY FARMERS WHO EXPRESSED SATISFACTION WITH UNINCISED STRAW SYSTEM. TURKISH AUTHORITIES SAID NO DECISION TAKEN AS YET REGARDING TERMS OF DECREE AUTHORIZING POPPY CULTIVATION FOR 1975/76 CROP YEAR BUT NO INCREASE SHOULD BE ANTICIPATED. AUTHORITIES ALSO STATED THAT 1975 CROP IS NOW ESTIMATED AT ONLY 7,000 TONS. GOT EXPRESSED INTEREST IN CONTINUING ITS PROGRAM TO DEVELOP CROPS TO REPLACE POPPIES AND MARTENS SUGGESTED THEY SEEK ASSISTANCE IBRD. GOT REQUESTED SUBSTANTIAL ADDITIONAL UNFDAC ASSISTANCE FOR STORAGE FACILITIES AND ENFORCEMENT. MARTENS TURNED THESE REQUESTS ASIDE, NOTING FUND WOULD WISH CONSIDER ADDITIONAL ASSISTANCE WITHIN FRAMEWORK OVERALL COUNTRY PROGRAM WHICH ESTABLISHES PRIORITY

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PROJECTS FOR EXECUTION IN LIGHT AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS.

END SUMMARY.

2. FOLLOWING ARE HIGHLIGHTS OF INFO WE HAVE GLEANED TO DATE CONCERNING VISIT TO TURKEY JULY 2-8 OF UN TEAM CONSISTING OF MARTENS, UN CONSULTANT MANBY AND DEPUTY DND DIRECTOR KANDEMIR. MANBY, NOW IN IRAN, WILL PREPARE OFFICIAL REPORT WHEN HE RETURNS JULY 15 AND WE WILL FORWARD ADDITIONAL DETAILS ASAP.

3. TEAM HELD DISCUSSIONS ANKARA WITH OFFICIALS OF FOREIGN AGRICULTURAL AND INTERIOR MINISTERIES. TEAM ALSO TOURED EXTENSIVELY IN POPPY GROWING PROVINCES OF AFYON, USAK AND DENIZLI.

4. TEAM WAS INVITED VISIT FIELDS OF ITS CHOICE. IT INSPECTED MANY OF THEM, WALKING TO BACK OF PLOTS TO CHECK CAPSULES NOT VISIBLE FROM ROADS, AND FOUND NO (REPEAT NO) EVIDENCE OF LANCING. HARVESTING WAS IN PROGRESS AND FARMERS WERE BEING PAID ON BASIS TMO MANUAL ESTABLISHING SCALE OF 35 PRICES WITH AVERAGE INCOME TO FARMERS SET AT 18 TL PER KILOGRAM. IT WAS EVIDENT THAT FARMERS WERE WLLL INFORMED ABOUT PRICE. TEAM OBSERVED WIDE VARIATION IN SIZE AND QUALITY OF CAPSULES AND GAINED APPRECIATION FOR WHY GOT INSTITUTED SUCH COMPLICATED PRICING SYSTEM.

5. TEAM SAW EXAMPLES OF PLANTING DESTROYED AS BEING IN EXCESS OF AUTHORIZED ACERAGE. THEY WERE TOLD BY MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE THAT HE INSTRUCTED TMO TO HOLD FARMERS STRICTLY TO LICENSED AREAS BECAUSE 1975 WAS "TEST YEAR" AND FARMERS MUST UNDERSTAND THAT NO INDULGENCE WOULD BE TOLERATED.

6. TEAM TALKED WITH MANY FARMERS WHO EXPRESSED SATISFACTION WITH UNINCISED STRAW SYSTEM. THEIR CHIEF COMPLAINT WAS THAT SIZE OF AUTHORIZED PLOTS WAS INADEQUATE FOR INDIVIDUAL FARMERS/FAMILIES.

7. TEA ASKED ABOUT PROPOSED TERMS OF DECREE AUTHORIZING POPPY CULTIVATION FOR 1975/76 CROP YEAR. AUTHORITIES SAID NO DECISION TAKEN AS YET BUT NO INCREASE SHOULD BE ANTIC-CONFIDENTIAL

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PATED. TEAM ALSO INQUIRED ABOUT ESTABLISHMENT OF CENTRAL OFFICE AT HIGH LEVEL IN GOT TO COORDINTE NARCOTICE PROGRAM. THEY WERE SHOWN PROJECT WHICH ENVISAGES PLACEMENT OF SUCH RESPONSIBILITY DIRECTLY IN PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE. GOT ASKED UNFDAC TO PROVIDE ASSISTANCE IN ESTABLISHMENT COORDINATION ARRANGEMENT. MARTENS RESPONDED THAT UN STRONGLY FAVORS CONCEPT OF CENTRAL COORDINATION FROM PM'S OFFICE. UNFDAC WOULD THEREFORE BE PREPARED CONSIDER

ASSISTING, BUT WITHIN CONTEXT OVERALL COUNTRY PROGRAM FOR TURKEY. HE ASKED GOT ADVISE EXACTLY WHAT IT WOULD LIKE FUND TO DO AND COSTS INVOLVED.

8. TEAM WAS INFORMED THAT BECAUSE OF LOSS FROM FROST AND FLOODS TOTAL POPPY CROP FOR 1975 IS NOW ESTIMATED AT ONLY 7,000 TONS, I.E. LESS THAN ONE-HALF OF ORIGINAL ESTIMATE.

9. TURKISH AUTHORITIES EXPRESSED GREAT INTEREST IN CONTINUING GOT'S PROGRAM FOR DEVELOPMENT OF CROPS TO REPLACE POPPIES AND REQUESTED UNFDAC'S ASSISTANCE. CHIEF OF PROGRAM EXPLAINED THAT MAIN PROJECT IS NOW BEING REVISED, INTER ALIA, TO TAKE ACCOUNT OF INFLATION SINCE 1970. GOT CORRENTLY ESTIMATED THAT \$9 MILLION WOULD BE NEEDED. MARTENS POINTED GOT IN DIRECTION IBRD BUT AGREED UNFDAC WOULD SERVE AS INTERMEDIARY WHENEVER THIS SEEMED USEFUL.

10. TEAM LEARNED THAT NO SALES CONTRACTS HAVE AS YET BEEN AGREED BETWEEN TURKISH AUTHORITIES AND FOREIGN MANUFACTURERS. AUTHORITIES CLAIMED THAT MANUFACTURERS ARE TRYING HOLD THEM UP ON PRICE AND ASKED UNFDAC TO PROVIDE SUBSTANTIAL ASSISTANCE TO PERMIT CONSTRUCTION OF STORAGE FACILITIES. GOT ALSO REQUESTED SUBSTANTIAL ADDITIONAL ENFORCEMENT ASSISTANCE, NOTABLY FOR JANDARMA. MARTENS TURNED THESE REQUESTS ASIDE, NOTING THAT ADECISION IN REGARD TURKISH PROGRAM COULD NO LONGER BE TAKEN AD HOC BUT ONLY ON BASIS OVERALL COUNTRY PROGRAM WHICH ESTABLISHES PRIORITIES FOR PROJECTS TO BE CARRIED OUT IN LIGHT RESOURCES AVAILABLE UNFDAC.

11. TURKISH AUTHORITIES WERE RETICENT DISCUSS GOT'S PLANS FOR ESTABLISHMENT ALKALOIDS FACTORY. SAID MERELY CONFIDENTIAL

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THEY ARE STUDYING TENDERS AND ARE IN CONTACT WITH IBRD.

12. WARM APPRECIATION WAS EXPRESSED FOR JEEPS WHICH TEAM SAW IN OPERATION IN POPPY FIELDS, AND FOREIGN MINISTRY OFFICIALS COMMENTED THAT UN'S PROMPT PROVISIONS OF JEEPS MARKED BEGINNING OF TMO'S WILLINGNESS COOPERATE WITH UN. TEAM WAS ADVISED THAT JEEPS AS DELIVERED WERE DEFECTIVE IN SOME RESPECTS, NOTABLY WEERE WITHOUT BUMPERS AND TOW HOOKS. UN PROCUREMENT OFFICIALS ARE BEING ASKED BY UNFDAC TO BRING MATTER TO AMC'S ATTENTION AND TO REQUEST PROMPT REMEDIAL ACTION. ABRAMS

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